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John Sullivan Elected Head Of Frosh Class

Dessert, McCaffery Also Win Freshman Posts

The turbulent political status of the Freshman Class was finally calmed last Tuesday with the election of its permanent class officers.

In the previous election, a week earlier, only Hugh Connelly, who was elected Secretary, garnered enough votes to constitute a majority of the votes cast for that office. This situation necessitated having another election last Tuesday between the two candidates for each office who amassed the greatest number of votes in the first contest.

John Sullivan nosed out Tom Storer for the coveted office of president by the count of 118-96. "Sully" was prominent in the college eye during football season when he acted as assistant yell leader.

A last minute campaign poster drive may have turned the tide in favor of Bob Kozlowski who eked out James Dowd for Vice President by 10 votes—112-102.

The Freshmen had enough faith in Thomas Shea to trust him as Treasurer to tend the till for a term or two. Tom was given the nod over James Hatch. Jim McCaffrey and Archibald Dessert were shown confidence in their ability by the Freshman Class when they easily captured the two vacancies for Class Representative.

Chairman John McDermott of the Ex-Council formally introduced and welcomed the new freshman president and two class representatives to the Council at last Wednesday's meeting.

The Collegian was given the exclusive announcement of the winners of the Freshman Election Board of Stanley Parmisano, Ray Rugani, and Charles Rainey.



MRS. T. D. ON THE SLUSH PUMP—One of the belles of St. Mary's takes a long Dorsey ride in a jam session at the Hanna Carnival. The ladies entertained in the Navy Gym in an all-star revue last week for the benefit of the Archbishop Hanna Center for Boys. Note the bass viol on the right and the drums on the far left. Dick Desmond, news editor of The Collegian, was the chairman of the highly successful affair and to him belongs most of the credit for its smash success.

—Photo by Bro. Alvan

'Yule Should Show Growth Of the Spirit'

President Gives Christmas Message

The following is a Christmas Message to all Collegian readers from the President of Saint Mary's College, Brother Austin:

"Christmas means different things to people, that is, to those to whom it means anything. To children it means toys and amusement, an adventure for a few fleeting days into the world of make-believe. To most people it means a holiday season and much-a-do about presents. All this is well, and as it should be, but we are all going to be told in our churches that Christmas must be more.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

"We might ask, 'More what?' Of course, we refer to the spiritual meaning of Christmas, and whatever this may be depends much on ourselves and is, too, an indication of our spiritual growth. Religion will never be a factor of importance in our lives, until it is vividly realized, and this realization comes not to all.

"Christ actually came to earth, and He brought a new and vital message, in fact, as He said, a new life. The common values of His coming at Bethlehem should bring to us a new, or, at least, a renewed idea of the whole purpose of religion, of God's relation to us, and of the Divine Life within us.

TURN TO GOD

"A desire to realize God more, together with a prayerful turning to Him at this Time of Christmas, will win for us the grace to come nearer to God, and light up our drab lives with a flame of heavenly light, be it ever so dim.

"Then Christmas will not have been a make-believe, an escape from reality, but an approach to God, the greatest of all realities . . ."

G. P. Martin Named As Administrator



TAKES POST — Gerald P. Martin, who was named by Brother Austin, president of Saint Mary's, to be General Administrative Officer of the college, will take over on January 1, 1947.

President Appoints Alumnus To Take Job On First Of January

Appointment of Gerald P. Martin of 5 Fuente Avenue, San Francisco, as General Administrative Officer of Saint Mary's College, effective Jan. 1, 1947, was announced today by Brother Austin, F.S.C., president of the college.

Married and the father of three children, Mr. Martin was graduated from Saint Mary's in 1926 with a bachelor of arts degree. After receiving a law degree from Saint Mary's in 1928, he was admitted to the state bar and practiced law in San Francisco and Oakland from 1928 to 1936.

LAW INSTRUCTOR

Presently he is manager of the San Francisco office, Alien Property Custodian, with jurisdiction over the West Coast area, and he is also an instructor in law at Hasting's College of Law.

Mr. Martin was a Pre-Law, English, and Public Speaking instructor at Saint Mary's, 1926 to 1932, and manager and professor of law at the Oakland College of Law, 1928 to 1941.

The new Saint Mary's administrative officer served as district counsel of the Home Owners' Loan Corp., 1935 to 1936, and as assistant regional manager, embracing the nine western states, Hawaii and Alaska, 1937 to 1941.

NAVY MAN

Called to active duty by the Navy in April, 1941, with the rank of lieutenant, he served with distinction.

While with the Navy, he was Intelligence Officer, Mare Island Navy Yard, 1941-1942, when he was assigned to staff, Commander Seventh Fleet, Southwest Pacific Forces. He served as commanding officer, U. S. Naval Advance Base, Townsville, Australia, 1943, and as commanding officer, U. S. Naval Advance Base, Woodlark Island, 1944.

BRONZE STAR

In September, 1944, Mr. Martin was assigned as General Court Martial Officer, 9th Naval District, Great Lakes, Ill., and the following month received the Bronze Star Medal for service in the Pacific.

Last December he was released from active duty after one year's service as a full commander.

Officials Praise, Rap Senior Ball

Amid mingled exclamations of pleasure and disgust the Senior class this week rehashed the result of the Senior Semi-formal held last Saturday night in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco.

Attended by approximately one hundred couples, the ball was considered a complete social success with a very good representation of Seniors and Juniors. However, Seniors Rugani and Parmisano rapped student co-operation in both attendance and the sale of bids.

RUGANI COMMENTS

Said Ray Rugani, President of the Senior class, "The dance was, without doubt, a social success. The music supplied by Noel Thomas and his orchestra was excellent both for listening and dancing pleasure, and we were still going strong at 1:00 when we finally had to call it a night. I am glad to be able to say that everyone had an enjoyable evening, although the number of those who attended was not as large as we would have liked."

By way of complaint, Rugani said, "The students are probably cognizant of the fact that the Senior class is extremely small and to hold a dance that is financially balanced, the seniors must have the support of the rest of the student body. Of the fifty bids given to the sophomore and freshman classes, a grand total of four were sold. I hardly call this 'co-operation' on the part of the lower classmen."

Rugani also mentioned that the senior class officers would meet later this week to discuss ways and means of making up the deficit of $120 incurred at this dance.

TOO MANY ACTIVITIES

Along a similar vein, Stan Parmisano said, "Although the Saint Mary's-California basketball game kept the attendance lower than it normally would have been, I believe that this definitely shows that too many socials have been planned and given this semester. Consequently, next semester will see a cut in the number of dances held by the various student organizations."

Faculty sponsors, Brother Austin, Father Moss and Brother Albert, were present at the semi-formal affair which had originally been planned as a formal in keeping with tradition. However, due to the inconvenience of obtaining tuxes, occasioned by the recent strike and the additional cost, the senior class agreed to change the dance to a semi-formal function.

Classics Taught at Georgia Tech

Saint Mary's men were interested to learn this week that Georia Tech, the Gaels' Oil Bowl oppenent on January 1, includes "The Sumanities" as a vital part of its otherwise exclusively technical curriculum.

"The Humanities" courses, known here as World Classics, are not only required for graduation but many of the books which are read in Gael classrooms must be read at Georgia Tech before a student can engage in its upper division work.

CLASSICAL COURSES

Revealed in a perusal of the Georgia Tech catalogue of courses for 1946-47 academic year, some of the classes which must be included on the study cards of lower division men are: Public Speaking, Composition, Grammatical Structure, and similar courses. The lower division student also must undertake three courses of world classics known as Humanities 201, 202 and 203. Humanities 201 includes "A general survey of world literature from Homer to Chaucer, with emphasis on the contribution to our civilization of the great figures and great ideas in European culture." In 202 the student studies world literature from the Renaissance to the Eighteenth Century and in 203 he takes world literature from the Romantic to the present.

In his upper division study card the Junior and Senior Rambling Wrecks must include a number of non-engineering courses. He may choose among Art courses, Great Music, the Drama, Shakespeare, American Literature, Contemporary Literature and Radio Speaking.

Mencarini Will Receive Medal Posthumously Awarded Mother

The unselfish sacrifices of a mother and a patient will be recognized by the war department in the near future as stated in a letter received by Manuel Mencarini, junior at Saint Mary's College. The Medal of Freedom, with Bronze Palm, will be awarded posthumously to Mrs. Angustias Vaca de Mencarini at the Presidio of San Francisco with her son being the active recipient of this country's recognition to his mother.

During the war's darkest years this woman worked untiringly in Manila to improve the condition of aged captives of the Japanese. Under her direction a hospital for aged interness was founded, and the burden rested upon her shoulders of financing and supplying this hospital. On the job seven days a week and when not at the hospital, outside soliciting food, tobacco and the numerous articles needed so badly. Procuring the services of physicians free of charge for these patients day and night, Mrs. Mencarini arranged operations for the deedy, in private hospitals, often paying for these from her own funds. On many occasion this lady or her family literally combed the city for special medicines required in their work.

INFLATION NO OBSTACLE

With the depreciating dollar of the Japanese, the work steadily became more difficult but even this obstacle did not stop Mrs. Mencarini. She arranged with a secret committee of Santo Tomas Internment Camp, a system of making money and meager supplies obtainable to supplement the other soliciting.

This reporter, reading through some of Manuel Mencarini's letters, finds the list of activities of his mother and father too lengthy to do justice to in one short column. Mrs. Mencarini tended more to the background of organization and planning, but these letters show definitely that the family worked essentially as a team. This family, as one internee's letter states, were Spanish citizens who could easily have adopted the attitude of impartial neurality. Instead, they deliberately chose the arduous and dangerous task of helping our cause.

On February 8th, 1943, Mrs. Mencarini was contacted by a messenger of a guerrila unit of south Luzon, and was requested to obtain a complete roster of all prisoners in Santo Tomas Internment Camp. Unhesitatingly she agreed and, with the help of another American, obtained this jealously guarded list.

DISREGARDS WARNINGS

Mrs. Mencarini was closely watched by the Japanese as being intensely pro-American. This noble lady continued her activities to help American prisoners and disregarded continual warnings of a guerrilla leader that she was on the Japanese "list."

This innocent woman and her husband continued their work until their arrest on December 20th, 1944, when they gave their lives for the Philippine-American cause.

Their two sons, Manuel and Rafael, attend Saint Mary's, the latter a sophomore and the former a junior. Elvira, sister of these boys, attends College of Notre Dame High School.

Council Votes Junior Prom To Be Gratis

Tradition took a tumble when the Ex-Council unanimously voted that the promotion of the Junior Prom be financed by the Treasury of the Associated Students of Saint Mary's College, and free admission be given all members of the Student Body.

Because of the excess funds now held in the Student Body Treasury which theoretically must be spent at the end of this school year, the Ex-Council voted, in a hitherto unprecedented move, to finance next semester's Junior Prom. The Junior Class, however, will still supervise the organization and planning of the afafir, as is their traditional responsibility.

This action by the Ex-Council was motivated not only by the presence of an over-stocked treasury, but also by the desire of the Ex-Council and ASSMC President Stan Parmisano to give the students something in return for their tremendous support in other campus activities.

SKI CLUB TO GET LODGE

Also in last Wednesday's Ex-Council meeting a loan of $1200 was granted to be applied on the rental of a lodge at Donner Summit for the use of student ski enthusiasts during a three-month period in the winter ski season. A pledge of $20 from 80 students desiring to belong to such a club insured the success of the venture and motivated consent on the loan.

Formal outline of next semester's Social Calendar also received approval, although the Sophomore Class indicated that they would bid for permission to hold a dance sometime in May. Also discussed was the entrance of approximately 200 Freshman students for the Spring Semester, and plans were formulated for their initiation.

RALLY COMMITTEE JACKETS

Shelved until next meeting because of insufficient details, was the motion to grant Rally Committee member jackets as rewards for their efforts during the semester, and further as a means of identification while carrying out their duties during athletic contests.

Payment of the Amusement Tax due on all proceeds from Saint Mary's College activities was lightly touched on, but no definite information was offered as to the obligation for payment.

'The Persians' Presented In Navy Gym

A dramatic reading of "The Persians" was presented for the Freshman World Classics students and for the dramatics society of the Holy Names College yesterday afternoon in the Navy gym.

The lauded presentation of the classical Greek drama by Aeschylus was put on under the direction of Mr. Yale Meyers, Saint Mary's drama moderator. This reading was the first presentation by the rejuvenated Saint Mary's Dramatics' Society, which will go about producing a play next semester, possibly in conjunction with one of the bay area girls' schools.

Attendance at the reading was one of the requirements for fulfillment of the first semester world classics course.

THE CAST

Leader of the presentation was Bertram Callen. Leading members of the cast were Paul Bernardis, Messenger; Richard Saveri, Atossa; Patrick Henderson, Darius; and Stanley Parmisano, Xerxes. The chorus consisted of twelve students, members of the dramatics society. The leads were played by seniors.

Gosh! Records Say We're Cosmopolitan

"Is anybody here from Brooklyn?" That line is always good for a laugh, but the laugh is that there actually are fellows here at Saint Mary's from that city. In fact, there are people here from twenty-six states—twenty-seven if you count Southern California—and five spots outside the continental limits.

The Recorder's Office, besides sending forth tidings of great joy at the end of each quarter and semester, also keeps on file a note of just who is from where. It is from this source that most of this information was gathered.

Unfortunately, by "getting your kicks on Route 66" you only bump into Saint Mary's students from Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. However, by making a date with Route 88, you will not only rate, skate, and vibrate but you'll hit nearly every state. By taking this highway, you are bound to visit the home of Gael students from coast to coast.

TRINIDAD TO MANILA

The "foreigners" are about as foreign as the hot dog, but they claim special mention and distinction by living outside "the states." From the Caribbean region and the island of Trinidad there hails Yusuf Ghandy. Mexico sent up from south of the border Jose Moreno. Juan, Louis, and Mario Ugarte are not only representatives of the Philippines, but obviously also of the Ugarte clan. The naval stronghold and island of Guam is not to be overlooked, for it is there that Peter Siquenza calls home.



HAWKERS—Two very pretty girls from Holy Names drew large crowds to their booth at the recent Hanna Center carnival through the magnetic power of their charming beauty. Their "Fishing Pond" stand was an important contributor to the success of the carnival. It was sponsored by the Associated Students of Holy Names College, Oakland. Girl in the print blouse is Dorothy Rossick, student president of the women's college.

—Photo by Bro. Alvan

Lorenzini Dante Prexy

Tom Lorenzini was elected president of the Dante Club at the first official meeting since the club's dissolution before the war, held last Monday, 9 December, 1946.

Other Dante Club officers elected at this meeting were: Ben Banassine, Vice-President; Richard Saveri, Secretary, and Carl Anzilotti, Treasurer.

Although the election of club officers was the primary purpose of this meeting, plans for future activities of the Dante Club were discussed. Fundamentally the club will strive for social oneness among the various college Dante Clubs throughout the Bay Area.

Carder Takes Bride During Holidays

Bob Carder, one of the members of the varsity football squad, will join the ranks of the espoused during the Christmas holidays.

The student from Sacramento will take for his wife Miss Gloria D'Alessandro of that city.

They will be married at 1:00 p.m., December 22 in Holy Spirit church. A reception will follow at the Sacramento Turn Verein.

AILING GRIDDER

Carder, who was one of the first men to turn out for football this season, would have added to the backfield. He suffered a severe back sprain before the first game of the season, which lasted long enough to prevent him from playing.

Radio to Air Shows Thru Holiday Gap

For the first time this year, the fair sex will approach the St. Mary's microphone when Saint Mary's goes on the air over KROW Monday at 10:45 p.m. At that time two girls from Holy Names College will join a group of Moraga thespians to present a one act play, "The Grand Cham's Diamond."

The premiere dramatic attempt of the program will star Misses Patricia MacConnell and Barbara Horan of Holy Names and Jack Holbrook, Tom Hurley and Robert Osborne of Saint Mary's.

CHRISTMAS SHOW

The Christmas broadcast, to be heard on December 23, will feature Stanley Parmisano and Manuel Mencarini, who will bring to life one of the well-known and heart-warming Christmas stories, with an enchanting two-piece dialogue.

In addition, Denis O'Connor will return to the Saint Mary's on the Air mike, and, with the Student Brothers' Choir, will round out the Saint Mary's Christmas package by renditions of two of the most beautiful of Christian hymns, "Silent Night" and "Ave Maria." The Student Brothers will be heard with "O, Little Town of Bethlehem." A brief Christmas message will be delivered at the close of the program by Bill Brennan.

Saint Mary's on the Air will continue an uninterrupted schedule throughout the Holidays with programs on December 30th and January 6th.

Initiation Held For Ten K of C Student Members

K OF C INITIATION

The Saint Mary's College Council of the Knights of Columbus held initiations for ten incoming student members on the campus yesterday evening. Attending the initiation were several dignitaries from various councils of the bay region.

At a meeting held last Wednesday, December 11, details for the first initiation of the year were arranged by Frank Lazio. Refreshments were obtained by a committee composed of John Maffeo and William Bozzini.

Myrta Has Been Ill; Expected Back Soon

Mrs. Myrta Sacco, who serves as secretary to Brothers Austin and Anselm, President and Comptroller of Saint Mary's College respectively, has been away from her official duties for approximately one month. The cause for Mrs. Sacco's absence was disclosed by Brother Anselm as due to an unfortunate illness.

Mrs. Sacco has officiated in her dual secretarial position at Saint Mary's College for approximately eight years, during which time she has handled numerous responsibilities. Having been extremely active in the administrative department of the College, she is well known by faculty and students alike at Saint Mary's.

Chaplain Moss Urges Use of Cards as Gifts

With the distribution of Spiritual bouquet cards in all the religion classes Wednesday, Father Edmund Moss College Chaplain, expressed the hope that these would be used by the students as very appropriate spiritual Christmas gifts.

Father Moss said, "the response to my appeal to offer a Spiritual Bouquet to the parents of the students has been most encouraging. It is hoped that more will avail themselves of the spiritual opportunities offered here, and thus give their parents a fitting spiritual Christmas present."

A special Novena for parents was begun in the college chapel last Sunday, in order to give the students an opportunity to make the sacrifice necessary for a gift to their parents who "have made so many for you."

College Education Plus $50 Monthly Offered By Navy

December 17th is the last day on which high school seniors and graduates may apply for four years of college education and 50 dollars per month under the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps program, the Twelfth Naval District announced today. Young men selected from nation-wide competitive examinations will attend any one of 52 colleges or universities in the country beginning in the fall of 1947.

Application forms may be obtained from the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, Ferry Building, San Francisco. Applications must be received by the Naval Examining Section, College Entrance Examination Board, Princeton, New Jersey, by December 17. The examination will be held January 18.

Devotion Ends With High Mass And Communion

The Forty Hours Devotion, conducted in the Chapel during the past three days, came to a conclusion Tuesday morning. With a High Mass in Honor of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a procession. The celebrant of the Mass was the Reverend Edmund Moss, college chaplain.

On Sunday and Monday evenings a Holy Hour was conducted. The speaker on Sunday evening at the devotions was Reverend James Walsh '38, now Assistant Treasurer of St. Joseph's Seminary at Mountain View. The preacher for the devotions on Monday evening was Reverend John McCracken, Assistant Pastor of St. Augustine's Church.

Father Moss was very pleased with the number of men who received Holy Communion and visited the Chapel during the Forty Hours. An all-day vigil before the Blessed Sacrament was conducted on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday up until the time for the closing ceremonies.

The Forty Hours Devotion is an annual observance and is held in every church and chapel in the Archiocese at least once during the year. St. Mary's was privileged to have its assignment coincide with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the College.

Mr. M. Bricault, Montreal, New Prof For Latin-French; Champ Swimmer

With the recent arrival on the campus of Mr. Maurice Bricault, Saint Mary's has added to its staff a championship swimmer. Of Canadian nationality, Mr. Bricault is a native of Montreal, Province of Quebec, and has been assigned here to teach elementary and advanced Latin and French.

Mr. Bricault is a graduate of the Chomedey de Maisonneuve, a Brothers of the Christian Schools institution. He has his B. A. from the College of Stanislas of Montreal, a college affiliated to and licensed by the University of Paris to confer degrees in its name. In addition, he has done superior studies in philosophy at the Universite Laval, Quebec. His major during the whole of his studies has been Classical and French Literature, and he plans to continue his studies for a higher degree either at the University of California, Berkeley, or at McGill University, Montreal.

SWIMMING CHAMPION

Mr. Bricault has performed in competitive swimming since 1935, when he won the Junior Provincial Championship, swimming free style, backstroke, diving, and racing. He was intercollegiate champion and captain of his school's swimming team, specializing in the backstroke and winning the Senior Provincial Championship in 1944. He led his team to victory in the Dominion Championship at Vancouver, British Columbia, as well. Mr. Bricault has done considerable writing on swimming for his local newspapers, as well as on the more general subject of teaching sports.

Another favorite sport of Mr. Bricault has been hockey, Canada's national outdoor sport. He states that French Canadians are as good at hockey as Americans are at football. Other extra-curricular interests include music. He has participated in various school operettas and plays, has studied the piano to a certain extent, and has sung in church choirs while in school.

LIKES SAINT MARY'S

Mr. Bricault expressed his liking for San Francisco, saying that he has a deep interest in old cities rich in tradition, and that San Francisco's general aspect is impressive. As for Saint Mary's, he considers it a beautiful spot, and knows of no place in the province of Quebec that can compare to it.

Mr. Bricault has two brothers, Marcel, a mechanical engineer, and Rene, a court stenographer. He became acquainted with Brother Robert while studying at Laval.

FRENCH CIRCLE

Mr. Bricault hopes to cooperate with Brother Robert in organizing some sort of French Circle at Saint Mary's. He feels that such an organization would be of great help to students of advanced French.

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They Ask For Bread . . . . . Not Stones

(Editor's Note: This excellent article by Dr. James L. Hagerty appeared in the November edition of the Education Bulletin, a monthly publication of the faculty of Saint Mary's College. Many alumni and friends have been wondering what manner of pedantic mischief had the "old school" been up to during the war. Most of the reports emanating from Moraga Valley had been exaggerated beyond all semblance of their original shapes. To clarify these reports, while presenting what we consider the most lucid apologetic for the new education at Saint Mary's, we reprint this piece by Dr. Hagerty.)

When George Bernard Shaw made his caustic comment about modern education: "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach," he may not have recalled the irony of a sage 20 centuries before him. "The rattle is a toy suited to the infant mind, and education is a rattle or toy for children of a larger growth." If this trifle of what remains of Aristotle's comment on education is any sign, Sir Richard Livingstone is right when he says that the last chapters of the Politics are among the treasures of wisdom most worth recovering.

Today, as in the time of Alexander the Great, while the wise discuss the aim of education, the modern counterparts of the Sophists train our most talented youth in a large variety of practical specialties. With universal education supposedly for the common good, we have no general understanding of common aims and common duties, no investigation of the roots of our society and culture, no special training in morals or manners even superficially considered, though we have countless modes of vocational conditioning, all at the public expense, though the leaders of business, law, medicine, education, religion, labor, are incapable of conceiving an orderly community, for all their learning and research.

The Way Out!

There is room for the liberal arts college, where youth may do more than condition their muscles to competitive sports and their minds to the struggle for existence. Alas, for the thousands of heroic boys whom we have sent into the labyrinth of the modern Minotaur! How many of them will die after a brave victory, because they have no thread to guide them through the chaos of education. They want to understand the way to right the world, and they are trained for jobs. When they hear how practical this is, they will think of Charlie Chaplin in "Modern Times" and smile bitterly. Perhaps Communism is the way out!

Strand Overcomes Time

The most precious strand spun into the thread of the liberal arts is the wisdom that has withstood the ravages of time. Consider just a few of the great teachers that can offer principles, standards, and values, in the light of which a young or old mind today may interpret the "facts of life" with understanding, and shape his actions to some purpose. If one would understand the good life, the Ethics of Aristotle is a clear statement of the nature of happiness and pleasure, the necessity of an ordered direction of our actions, neither in excess nor in defect, but in the middle way, if we are to achieve real satisfaction. Then take the Confessions of Saint Augustine, as the passionate personal history of a man making the theory of the Ethics real, and reaching beyond because he knew God had stooped down to find him.

When the thrill of rational research had lost its spiritual motivation, Thomas a Kempis wrote The Imitation of Christ to recall hearts to God, whose minds had lost their objectives. But Saint Teresa faced the problem with more insight even than Sigmund Freud, for she analyzed the libido of one of God's greatest geniuses, and reveals depths of mind and heart that can salve the wounded spirit as Carl Jung would have hoped to do. Pascal struggles with the problem of freeing one's soul from the dead hand of rationalism, and imagines he escapes by finding reasons in his heart. With such material as this what happens to the Procrustean bed of majors and minors, as a mind rises uncribbed and unconfirmed above Philosophy 37, Literature 142, Religion 14, Abnormal Psychology 102, French 180?

Experience of Reading Recommended

Or, consider the experience of reading the great poem of Lucretius On the Nature of Things, Dante's immortal Divine Comedy and Goethe's Faust, as in the Saint Mary's program during the second, third and fourth years, respectively. Here are presented those views of life, not as the philosophies they express, but in all the beauty and passionate ardor of poetry and life. Materialism, Scholasticism, Idealism are met in their fairest form, and can be judged objectively and compared. Teachers who may have lost their fire in the dry rot of lectures and textbooks should try the experiment of reading, with a class, De Rerum Natura, the Discourses of Epictetus and the Confessions of Saint Augustine in a sequence. They will, if they are patient and true to the text, see an evolution in thought from Epicureanism to Stoicism to Catholicism. They will see the futility of the hot-house forcing of religion or philosophy, and the natural strength of truth to grow in the place of error.

What is the effect of this program upon a young man of normal talents, who expects to choose a means of making a living, to take his place as an intelligent voter and an enlightened citizen, to serve God as a living member of the brotherhood of Christ? Well, as a senior, after having had the sound and effective discipline of three years of vigorous reading and discussion, the Saint Mary's student will study Communism as Karl Marx conceived it, The Origin of Species, The Federalist Papers and the Constitution of the United States, The Common Law by Oliver Wendell Holmes, The Brothers Karahazov by Dostoevski; Freedom in the Modern World by Jacques Maritain, correlated with a reading of the great Social Encyclicals of the recent Popes in his study of religion.

He will be introduced to the great economic, scientific, political, psychological, social and religious problems of our day. He will not ask whether such a mental and moral foundation can be fitted into the old-fashioned patterns of hours, units, majors and minors. Any normal statistician with a little observation of the facts of education, could devise a formula to express the real values of this program. They are the means whereby some young Americans will be prepared to face the obligations demanded of them by our country and by our Holy Father.

Saint Mary's is one of the colleges which faces the new challenge of youth for life and light. They shall receive the bread they desire rather than a stone. Et quasi cursores vitai lampada tradunt.—Dr. James L. Hagerty.

Acolytes List

The men whose names appear below are requested to be present in the sacristy and vested for services at least five minutes before mass is to begin:

SUNDAY MASS, DEC. 15
7:00—B. Rie and J. Rie
9:00—Shannon and Donahue

DAILY MASS, DEC. 16-DEC. 21
7:00—L. Verceles and J. Buick.

The Bystander

By Bert Callen

THE ROUTINE

One is prone to accept without questions the idea that because he leads a fairly well-ordered life that others also unwrpa their existence from a nicely prepared package with little or no deviation from the rules.

On the campus this is especially true I think in the early evening when the sun has set and a red fringe crowns the Berkeley hills. Most or us then go to our books or lounge around listening to the languid evening lullabies, waiting for the dinner bell.

Seldom does anything change. The evening has its pattern and we fall into it unquestioningly—almost thankfully... There is a certain security we feel—perhaps in the foreknowledge we gain as one thing follows another—when we find the routine, as they say. Whatever it is, we begin to figure that everyone else does the same thing, and too easily ignore the fact that those others may be obsessed by doubt, fear, envy, even dejection.

These feelings, and, of course, an abounding of their opposites, are part and parcel of everyday life for those who have to put up their hands, their minds, acts and ideas to the world. How well they do this determines how they feel. How well they do this determines how they react to the unusual which for some becomes too suddenly and sadly the usual in their living.

THE BREAK

Tonight a young woman lies unconsolable upon a hospital bed in Georgia, her future, as it looks now, a cloud of despair; for her husband has been burned to death. A young child clings exhausted to a nurse, his mysteria having spent itself into a spasm of weeping. His world is shattered: His parents lie dead from the same disaster.

A teen-age girl stands defiant before a judge and calmly states her pleasure of being rid of a man once her husband whom she has killed. A governor ponders his chance for the presidency, doubt and fear, hope and courage surging simultaneously in his breast. His eyes shine and look beyond the horizon.

There is a soldier standing on a ship off pier seven looking blankly up to the Mark Hopkins trying to argue the thought of a Japanese Christmas out of his mind. Another at pier nine steps from the gangplank crazily eager to get home to the familiar faces. A young boy is running from home in Indiana; a student-Colorado bound-packs his last dirty sock in a bag, happy to get away from this odd California where no snow lies outside the door.

An old man sits dumbly by his wife's casket; a young husband looks dumbly into the bassinet of his first born, both unable yet to comprehend this strange thing that has happened to them.

THE PROBLEM

These are foreign thoughts to us, it is true, but how smug we would be to shrug them off. To the man who wonders how to make his children happy at Christmas with a gift when he cannot afford a quart of milk, they are quite real; they are thoughts he must live with, not ponder over.

A short vacation lies ahead and a few of us will come into some kind of contact with situations such as these, and without having thought of them before, yet shall we be amazed at the ease with wich we meet them. It is a peculiar thing how a human being can adapt himself to so many things and can practically will to forget anything else he wishes not to remember.

You who read this might wonder at my morbidity, but I assure I am not a morbid person. Yesterday I was lounging around or reading, tomorrow I shall probably do the same. But today I am thinking of these things—weeping and laughing, feeling joy and sorrow, pity and revulsion with all of these people. And you, at one time or another, have done the same.

Collegiana

By Jerry Murphy

OH MORES, WHERE IS THY TEMPORES?.

Here it is Christmas again. The snow is snowing in soph dorm windows, divers and sundry Toms are roaming around looking for Jerrys, and the holiday spirit is about to take everything over.

In the midst of all this gay and happy atmosphere, it is well to pause and note the other side of things.

Namely, the seamy or it-should-happen-to-you side of things.

For people will always tell you about the happy holiday throngs making merry day and night in the big city. But do they ever tell you about the 10 per cent casualties caused by illegal use of the umbrella on offense, in the shopping district? Do they ever mention the maimed and blinded after someone whispers "this one's on me"? Do they ever tell you how many pints of mercurochrome per shopping day are alloted to housewives injured in the mad rush for orange-and-purple ties and such?

No!

And then, when they clap you on the back and wish you a merry Christmas, do they ever add (sotto voce) "you can stand it"?

No!

And why?

Because the shopping feels so good when you stop. And the Tom and Jerry friendships look so ghastly in the morning. And people always wish you a merry Christmas to remind you that even-if-you-have-forgotten-them-they-haven't-forgotten-you-and-so-you-had-better-go-back-inside-that-store-and-buy-another-volume-of-Practically Never Chartrueuse.

Ain't Easter wonderful?

THAT'S T. S., MR. ELIOT

One day
I got into a
Long long long long
line.
It wound
Around and around and
Then around some
More.
I looked
Way up ahead to
Where the long line
Went.

The line
Was long, so
Long the line it
Was.
But soon
It shortened,
Contracted, and petered
Out.
The goal
Was near at
Hand. I clutched my
Tray.

Oh Bob
Was two steps
Out in front of
Me.
A nice
And juicy steak
Plopped in his waiting
Tray.
I next
stepped up
to take my rightful
place.

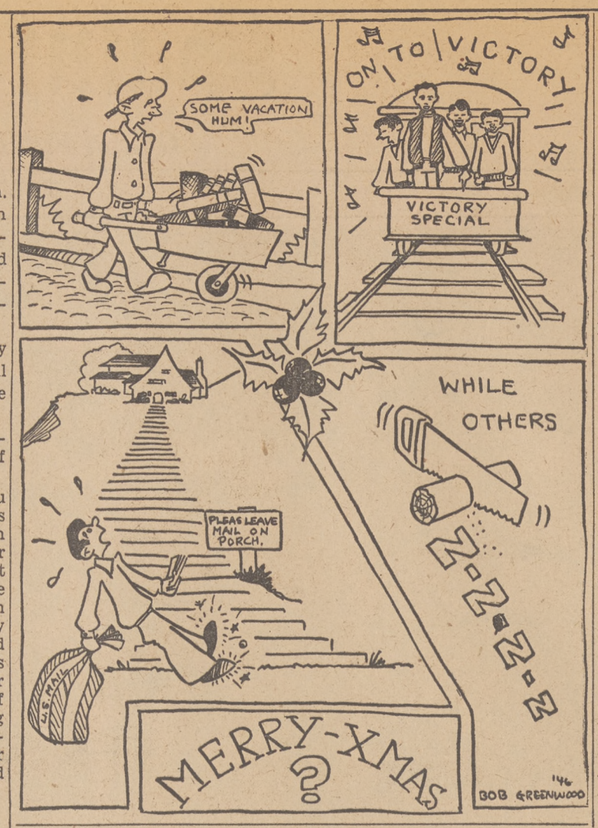
I smiled
A little smile
Within me, a-glow with
Joy.
I heard
A clatter,
Metal on metal
Then.
And down
I looked—
Oh no! Oh no!
Gone was the steak.
Gone was the joy.
Gone was my hope.
Gone was all of life itself.

The first
Frankfurter fell
Into my numb, my palsied
grasp!

ADD A MILLION

The University of Nowhere in Particular (tney placed two ahead of U.S.F. in the national ratings this season) send us in a blurb about their gym. They are lifting the floor

What this will mean to people who buy seats in first row bleachers, only time will tell. Perhaps the unfortunates will be able to stand up and peer over the edge of the floor during games—like in a boxing ring. What will happen to players who skid off the edge of the above deck is not specified. May they rest in pieces . . .



Editorial Emphasis.....

By George Farnham

This is the edition, since it is the final one of the year, in which we look on the academic semester in retrospect in order to give you some sort of evaluation. Why? Custom, that's why.

We began with the largest enrollment in the history of the college and a large pandora box of difficulties which everyone opened from time to time. Upper classmen wrestled with most of the problems which occurred when they couldn't fit their study cards to meet the requirements for graduation. The hue and cry was terrific, but it subsided eventually. Most of the problems were ironed out, and those that were not bid fair to be solved in the forthcoming semester.

The Navy had left Moraga Valley in the Summer, thus erasing the last vestige of the military campus that Saint Mary's had known during the war. It was well that it did, too, for some of the undergrads were snarling even at their fellow classmen who couldn't get out of officers' uniforms fast enough. Remember the clothing shortage?

TRADITIONS RETURN

Traditional activities returned to the campus. "Saint Mary's Speaks" began broadcasting again. The editor and business manager was finally elected by the Junior Class. Fall football practice began. The Collegian returned to full newspaper size, and the Fourth Estate began to tinker with the idea of publishing The Brickpile again.

A full social schedule of dancing was announced by the Executive Council, and that body, with perhaps the largest treasury in the history of the college, got back into the swing of things.

The Gaels started through their football schedule, tricking the big Washington Huskies into a defeat, devastating the outclassed Alameda Navy gridders, and . . well, we don't like to talk about the next game.

Joe McTigue reorganized the classy Gael band and revealed that the turnout of talent was terrific.

NO YATTITY

Debating didn't start at all. There weren't even fitful attempts to revive this former top-notch campus activity. This was despite stinging editorials in The Collegian. The drama did return, however. Five Gaels appeared in the Holy Names College production of "The Seven Mirrors," and English Professor Yale Meyer planned to revive dramatics at Saint Mary's. The first production of this program was staged yesterday; it was a reading of "The Persians."

About the middle of the semester a mysterious bug took a chonk out of Dr. LeFevre and confined him to bed for several days. Some of the history students hoped they could find a duplicate for Brother Matthew.

Publication of the yearbook was hopeless about the middle of the semester. Excessive printing and engraving costs were prohibitive. Finally, it was decided to forego publication this year . . . but next year . . . perhaps.

UN TO MORAGA

There was talk of the United Nations moving out to Moraga Valley, but it was brief and nothing came of it. The annual student retreat returned to the campus in October. In early November student writers scribbled away into the wee hours in the annual Oliver Essay Contest. A fund was started to install bells in the chapel tower. A drive planned for this purpose was postponed until next semester.

The "Little Big Game" arrived and almost turned up as another "Battle of Lake Kezar." Wedemeyer won the ball game, but was stopped in the next tilt with the Dons. This was not by the Dons, by the way, but by the slippery turf. USF's great threat, Forrest Hall, was similarly impeded by the tricky ground. The Gaels accepted an Oil Bowl invitation to meet Georgia Tech on January 1.

The Hanna Carnival was a huge success, and for any other news of this semester, see the other columns of this paper.

ON THE LEVEL

By Father Moss

One of the bravest units to come out of the recent World War was the 101st Airborne Division which played such an important role in the defense of Bastogne, Belgium in December 1944. In the absence of its spirited leader, Major General Maxwell D. Taylor, who had been summoned to Washington, a fighting Irishman, Brigadier General Anthony C. McAuliffe, was named to the comman.

Those who followed the progress of the 101st Airborne Division know of the herculean task which this unit was called upon to do. At 2400 on the 17th of December, 1944, the Germans had broken through the allied lines; the powerful might of Von Rundstedt's armies was rolling westward across Luxembourg and Belgium. Many American Divisions were overrun, while still others were staggering under the impact of the German juggernaut.

AN ULTIMATUM

By December 22, the Nazis were certain that the 101st Airborne Division was beaten. It was impossible to imagine what unknown force compelled them to carry on the defence of Bastogne. With brazen confidence, two Nazi officers, under cover of white flags, entered allied lines and presented their ultimatum . . . "Surrender or be annihilated with two hours. "The reply of the Fighting Irishmen, General McAuliffe, was typically American. As the world knows now, his reply was one word . . . "Nuts."

Fighting was renewed at a furious pace. It was do or die now. On Xmas Day General McAuliffe sent a message to every man in the 101st, a message which should be an inspiration to us two years after it was sent to his men. In part it states: "We are giving our country and our loved ones at home a worthy Christmas and being privileged to take part in this gallant fets of arms are truly making for ourselves a Merry Christmas" That was the only indication to the fighting men of the 101st that there was a Christmas. For twenty two additional days the fierce fighting continued, and, even tho' the Nazis made ever greater and more desperate attempts to break through, they were always repulsed. It seemed as if a supernatural courage had been given to the battle-weary men of the 101st. When all looked lost, and it appeared as if the Germans would push through Bastogne, the men of the 101st would rally and repulse them. By January 18, the battle ended. Cermonies took place in the main square of Bastogne which had now been reduced to a bomb and artillery battered town. The 101st had the plaudits of the civilized world. General Eisenhwer presented in the name of the President, a citation to the entire division for "gallantry in action." Never before had a full division been so commended.

NUNS AN INSPIRATION

But behind this scene of gallantry and almost unparalled bravery is another one, hidden from ordinary sight. In Bastogne

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OIL BOWL—This 31,000-seat capacity stadium in Houston, Texas, is the home field of the Rice University Owls and the scene of the Oil Bowl which will feature Georgia Tech and Saint Mary's on New Year's Day. A packed house is expected for the third annual renewal of the January 1 classic.

Gael Cagers Leave Tonight for 10-Game Mid-Western Campaign

LeFevre Picks All-Time S. M. Football Team

Guisto, Wedemeyer In Same Backfield

The Brickpile, student literary magazine, this week published a Saint Mary's All-Time football team, selected by Dr. Louis F. LeFevre, head of the history department.

LeFevre graduated from the "Brickpile" in Oakland and has served as team manager, graduate manager, coach, and then went on to a variety of other posts in connection with Gael athletics.

What he saw in those years since he first came to Saint Mary's is reflected below in his choice of the all-time greats, as told to Bob Fitzgerald, Collegian sportswriter.

TWO ELEVENS CHOSEN

FIRST TEAM — Ends, Ike Frankian '29 and George Canrinus '34; tackles, Frank McNally '31 and Andy Pierovich '17; guards, Pope Illia '28 and Bill Fischer '32; center, Larry Bettencourt '28; quarter, Dutch Conlan '26; halfs, Lou Guisto '15 and Herman Wedemeyer '48; full, Red Strader '28.

SECOND TEAM — Ends. Eddie Erdelatz '37 and Harry Ebding '31; tackles, Tony Hunt '32 and Al Tobin '29; guards, Red Watson '27 and Mike Stepovich '32; center, Woody Peebles '32; quarter, Tony Carrea '19; Bud Toscani '32 and Jimmy Underhill '27; full, Angel Brovelli '33.

Phillips '66', Bradley Tech, Oklahoma Aggies Loom Chief Threats to Moragans

Brother Albert to Accompany Squad Of Ten Men; Tour Opens at Laramie On 16th, Closes at St. Louis on 28th

By JACK BUICK

With four local games under its belt, a victory hungry Saint Mary's casaba party hit the rails from the Oakland mole at 8:15 this evening on the start of a barnstorming campaign that will match the Gael quintet with 1 of the nation's outstanding basketball teams west of Peoria, Ill.

A group of thirteen—10 of whom will wear the Red and Blue on the hardwood, plus Coach Clarence "Swede" Andersen, Trainer Fred Mullins, and Brother Albert—will sacrifice Christmas at home to be part of the conquest. The invaders will return on New Year's Day.

The two squads of cagers include Frank "Apples" Kudelka, Trude Sperry, Dan Galvin and Don Dalton at forwards, Ron Livingstone and Bob Greenwood at center, and Captain Bill "Biff" Burke, Jack Rial, Bill Lau and Bob Hagler at guards.

The initial tip-off takes place at Laramie, Wyo., on December 16 against the undefeated Cowboys of the University of Wyoming. The next night the Saints will be guests of University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where the Cornhuskers are expected to field one of their best clubs in school history.

On the 19th, the stop will be at Iowa City, where Andersen's boys meet last year's Big Ten champs—the powerful University of Iowa. The next evening, the Gaels trade baskets with little Loras College of Dubuque. Although a small Catholic school Loras boasts one of the finest hardwood records of the region. Vin Dowd, ex-Santa Clara star, coaches the squad.

Peoria is next on the tip-parade, with Bradley Tech as host on the night of the 21st. Tech is supposedly one of the toughest contests of the tour. Two nights later, Bradley tangles with Stanford's Indians, who are also barnstorming the area.

TALL OKLAHOMANS

The sixth fray will be held at Stillwater, where the Gaels will seek revenge of the Sugar Bowl conquerors of the "Singing Saints"—Oklahoma A. & M., 1945 collegiate champions. Here the Gallopers will meet one of the tallest teams in the nation, the Aggies averaging a lofty 6-feet, 5 inches.

Then, the national champions for four consecutive years, Phillips "66" Oilers, will not only engage the Gaels on the 26th, but will play Santa Claus the preceding day at Bartlesville, Okla., where the travelers will be wined, dined and entertained on Christmas.

The Oilers will have '45 All-American Bob Kurland, ex-Oklahoma Aggie center who stretches 7 feet into the stratosphere, to keep 6-foot 9-inch Ron Livingstone company. Following the "66" clash comes Rockhurst College, Tulsa University, and finally a jaunt to Missouri for a curtain closer with St. Louis University on the 28th . . . then west to Moraga.

LINEUP SWITCH

Coach Andersen expects his squad to ably represent Saint Mary's. He stated, "We will be meeting the best possible competition and much experience should be gained. About 14,000 are expected to witness the Iowa game, while in St. Louis we will be playing in one of the best basketball cities in the country."



COACH ANDERSEN

With poor rebounding, both offensively and defensively, being the Gaels' worst problem in their first few games, Anderson has switched 6-foot, 3-inch Jack Rial from forward to guard, with aggressive Trude Sperry moving into the vacated forward post. Rounding out the first squad will be Livingstone, Burke and Kudelka. The latter two lead the club in scoring.

Henry Van Gieson will not make the trip with the basketballers as he is needed at the end position for Phelan's pigskin club in the Oil Bowl.

Ebey, Kline Win Intramural Grid Contests Easily

Cook Announces Casaba Program

Intramural sports slowed down to a walk this week with only two games played on the football agenda. Both tilts were played last Monday, Ebey edging Poshepny, 12-6, and Kline trouncing Angles, 24-0.

Valiquette and Maranda tallied for Ebey's squad, the latter chalking up six points on a 60-yard pass play. Poshepny himself scored his team's only touchdown on a pass interception, with Lamp paving the way with a key block.

Kline had little trouble annexing the win over Angles.

BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Meanwhile, basketball rules have been determined and the hoop sport will commence soon after the Christmas holidays. Intramural Manager Bob Cook stated, "I feel sure that the intramural basketball tourney will be a huge success. Because of the large number of participants, I think it unfair to limit the teams to the classes. For that reason, any and all who wish to enter teams may do so."

OUTDOOR GAMES

Varsity basketballers will not be allowed to play. Due to lack of available courts in the Navy gym, the contests will be played outdoors until the situation is remedied.

Cook also announced that handball and tennis matches would resume after the holidays and that a swimming meet will be held in the near future.

Wolfe Leads Bears To 65-38 Victory Over Local Five

Paced by Andy Wolfe, who netted 16 points for scoring honors, the University of California Bears handed the Saint Mary's basketballers their first intercollegiate loss of the current season, 65-38. The contest was played in the Cay gym last Saturday night.

Wolfe, an All-Coast performer last year, made good 8 out of 13 field goal attempts, all from at least 15 feet out, for a classy shooting percentage.

CAL LEADS AT HALF

The Bears forged into an early lead and held a 27-15 halftime advantage.

Lack of rebound control off both backboards hurt the Gael cause noticeably. Jack Rial and Henry Van Gieson played fine floor games, while Bill Burke and Frank Kudelka, with 12 points apiece, topped their mates in scoring.

GAEL GOSSIP

By MARCO SMOLICH
Collegian Sports Editor

Followers of Saint Mary's basketball fortunes have seen fit to initiate an "old clothes drive" in an effort to give the local casabans some semblance of uniformity when they trot onto the hardwood for public display. Admittedly, it started as a joke at the Hawaiian All-Star game in San Francisco more than a week ago when a couple of substitute Red and Blue players entered the melee garbed in suits that the Salvation Army would unhesitatingly reject.

"Oolai toi whattum gottom choo," remarked one of the Honolulu lulus in his quaint dialect. Freely translated, this means "these bohunks should wise up!"

Minutes later, several bobby-soxed lassies handed a Saint Mary's student their red bandanas with the stipulation that the head-gear be converted into basketball panties. Four sets of red underwear were found in the stands after the fiasco.

However, the drive did not actually become organized till last Saturday evening when the Gaels bowed lopsidedly to the University of California at the Berkeley gym. The Red and Blue color scheme was sadly disrupted by pairs of well-muscled legs and rumps sporting brown and white pants that made as much sense as some of the varsity personnel selections.

Notices have been delivered to various clothing dealers, requesting their cooperation in this matter. Certainly, something must be done. New suits have been ordered but nobody seems to know when they'll arrive. Meanwhile, the present uniform situation that meets the public eye provokes only gibes and laughter and unnecessarily cheapens the team's general appearance.

It's All So Fine and Dandy . . .

All-American selections may come and All-American selections may go, but the ridiculousness of the whole thing will live forever. Still, it's all so very interesting and many a man's dreams have been shattered, his hopes dashed, his married life dissolved into a thing of the past, just because Maurice "The Meticulous" Muldoon failed to make Poindexter Pewk's All-America eleven.

It's all so fine and dandy and heroic and idiotic.



WEDEY AND MAC

The "Football News," a weekly publication that sells for a solid quarter, has something akin to the right idea. It did not attempt to pick 11 men and proclaim proudly "ladies and gentlemen, dese guys is it!" Rather, a scribe named Stan W. Carlson selected a three-deep All-America; no first, second and third teams; just 33 men on the squad.

Writes Mr. Carlson: "It was felt that the regular mythical selections, limited to 11 men, were inadequate for deserved recognition to all of the outstanding topflight gridiron performers. The All-America ratings as established by Walter Camp were put into being at a time when football was predominantly an east coast sport and a mere handful of teams were competing. The early mythical choices were fairly easy to make and the selections were almost exclusively from Ivy League schools."

". . . the present day finds thousands of players cavorting each fall. To pick eleven men from the several thousands excludes many of the deserving luminaries. Thus, the Three-Deep All-Amrica, selecting three men for each position, comprises a squad of 33 men . . . A football traveling squad usually consists of three teams."

On this coach's dream team star backs like Wedemeyer, Blanchard, Lujack, Tucker, Davis, Trippi, Gilmer, Tidwell, Layne, etc. all receive a deserving tumble, no hard feelings, not too many gripes. Baldwin, Bechtol and Foldberg handle left end; Agase, Barzilauskas and Humble hold forth at right guard, and so goes the team. You can be the coach and name your own starters.

The following stories at least hint that the All-America situation is in somewhat of a muddle. Grantland Rice recently wrote a stirring article on Herman Wedemeyer, terming him America's outstanding athlete and going overboard on Wedey from every angle; then he calmly omits the Hawaiian great from his All-America eleven, even as an alternate back. Observers seem to agree that Wedemeyer was better this year than last; the difference lay in his team's success. All of which doesn't strike of fair play as far as the individual is concerned.

As for story number two, Bill McPartland, Saint Mary's fine left tackle, was last week named as the seventh best lineman in the country by the National Football Writers Association. Strange, isn't it? During the regular season, McPartland was not even accorded a first string All-Coast berth by any of the major selectors.

'Tis fine and dandy and idiotic, indeed.

Bouncing Around . . .

"The Gael Tip-Off," official Saint Mary's basketball program, will make its first appearance on the night of January 10, 1947, at the Kezar Pavilion, when the Gael cagers tangle with USF. It will be an 8-pager, price 10c; no profit is expected to be realized as the dime per copy will just about cover expenses . . . **Odd-layers favor Georgia Tech over the Galloping Gaels by 5-1 and even money at 15 points. Methinks it would be nice taking the 15 points** . . . Center Paul Duke and tackle Bob Davis of the Ramblin' Wrecks have figured prominently in the majority of All-America selections. . . **Choice "Erl Berl" seats will sell for seven bucks per head, which is pretty choice, indeed. The "erl" in Houston must be flowing steadily these days.**

The Collegian sports staff, with the assistance of Frank Callen, this week attempted to obtain an All-Opponent team from the Saint Mary's varsity. Members of the team, excepting some of the non-resident gridders, were given blanks at dinner last Tuesday. Seven, only seven, had enough decency to cooperate in this matter. This arduous task was evidently too much for some of the local heroes whose cooperative spirit is best exemplified at the training table. Incidentally, the incomplete returns showed Gillom of Nevada, Zegar and Weinmaster of Washington, Hall of USF and Case, Baldwin, Chambers and Shipkey of UCLA leading the parade.

In a recent hoop contest, Gus Mota of the Sacramento Senators and Eddie Cerf of COP topped the point-makers with 12 apiece. Gus and Eddie were once playmates on Moraga quintets . . . **Notre Dame stands to lose only two men from this year's great grid squad. Jim Mello, fullback, and John Mastrangelo, guard, may sacrifice their remaining year of elegibility. Anyway you look at it, things look rough for Irish foes in '47** . . . Georgia Tech dropped its first and last games of the regular season. The eight victories were all fairly onesided. Navy made a fight of it, losing by a 28-20 score . . **.The Gossiper's nomination for the most underrated lineman on the Coast — Ray Clemons, Gael guard.**

Phelanites Prepare For Ramblin' Wrecks

An emergency appendectomy and the Pacific Coast Conference confab in Los Angeles have had an effect upon the Galloping Gaels in their preparations for the Rambling Wrecks of Georgia Tech in Houston's colorful Oil Bowl. Marty Kordick, chief assistant coach, underwent the operation last week but managed to recuperate in a hurry and attend some of the scrimmage sessions late this week. Jimmy Phelan, head mentor, arrived from the Southland Wednesday night.

During the absence of Moraga's top duo, assistants Tom Coll and Al Ratto led Gael drills. The Gallopers, idle for one whole week following their triumph over the University of San Francisco Dons, have been ridding themselves of kinks and aches.

TECH RATES ELEVENTH

The Tech eleven will undoubtedly enter the New Year's Day engagement as top-heavy favorites. National collegiate standings rate them eleventh. Coach Bob Dodd's Yellow Jackets started the season inauspiciously by dropping a 13-9 spine-tingler to Tennessee. However, their next eight opponents fell before a sharp running and passing attack, featuring Frank Broyles and George Mathews, and an aggressive line, led by All-Americans Bob Davis and Paul Duke.

Virginia Military Institute, Mississippi, Louisiana State, Auburn, Duke, Navy, Tulane and Furman bowed in that order before Charley Trippi's Georgians lowered the boom on their Atlanta rivals, 35-7. Noteworthy, too, is the fact that in none of their victories were the Rambling Wrecks particularly extended.

In comparison, Saint Mary's eked out a 4-point win over Washington, one-point over Nevada, 9-point over Santa Clara and 6-point over USF. The Alameda NAS and Fordham tussles were won handily by the Phelanites.

DUKE AND WEDEMEYER

Most publicized Tech player is Paul Duke, 200-pound center, who has landed on the majority of All-American selections. Last year he rated second only to Alabama's Mancha. Bob Davis has also been accorded All-America mention for his tackle play. To match that, the Gaels have Bill McPartland, left tackle, who was recently chosen as the seventh best lineman in the country.

Regardless, most of the fans (a capacity crowd of 31,000 is expected) will have their eyes glued on the Saint Mary's great, Herman Wedemeyer, whose triple-threat prowess has sparked the Moragans for the past two years. All-American Herman from Honolulu thrilled last New Year Day's Sugar Bowl audience with his dazzling running and sharp passing.

TEAM IN SHAPE

The Gaels are expected to be in good physical shape for the encounter. Paul Crowe, Jack Verutti and Ray Ahlstrom—all of whom have had minor ailments—should be ready to go. Frank Callen, inactivated since the California game, has been working out and is expected to see action against the lads from Atlanta. Joe Ferem and Bill Zambresky, who suffered serious early season injuries, will not play.

Traveling by train, Saint Mary's will leave on the Southern Pacific "Lark" on the 26th, transfer to a Southern Limited at Los Angeles, and arrive in Houston on the 29th. This will give them three full days of practice at Houston prior to the game.

OIL BOWL EXCURSION

The Saint Mary's Alumni and Club will sponsor an Oil Bowl Excursion to the Saint Mary's-Georgia Tech game in Houston, Texas on New Year's Day.

Arrangements have been made for the Oil Bowl Special to leave San Francisco and Oakland on Friday night, December 27th, arriving at Houston on Monday morning, December 30th. The return party will leave Houston on Thursday night, January 2nd, and will arrive home on Sunday morning, January 5th.

Because of the shortness of time, those interested are asked to enter their reservations immediately if they intend to make the excursion. For further information, and to make the reservations, contact:

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Seventy-Five Attend Ski Club Meeting; Bob Carty Presides

The Saint Mary's College Ski Club is well on the way of becoming a reality, as is evident by the enthusiasm displayed by the seventy-five members attending the first meeting held last Tuesday.

The club, which was recently organized, has obtained a lodge in the locality of the Donner Summit Lodge in the center of all skiing activities in this area.

SLIGHT EXPENSE

The membership fee, which covers room and board for any weekend during the season, is twenty dollars. The only other expenses will be three dollars for all needed equipment, five dollars for transportation, and a small fee for the use of the ski lift.

Bob Carty, who organized the club states, "after the enthusiasm shown at Tuesday's meeting, the outlook for the success of the Saint Mary's Ski Club is very optimistic."

GAEL
Campus Calendar

Week of Dec. 14th to 17th

MONDAY, THE 16TH
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St. Mary's Club

The Officers and Directors of the Saint Mary's Club extend to its members season's greetings, hearty and sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The regular monthly meeting of the Saint Mary's Club will be held on Monday evening January 20, at 8:15 p. m., in the rooms of the Plumbers Hall, 110 Page St., San Francisco, Calif. All memebrs are cordially invited to attend. Lets see some of the old time members present at this meeting.

CONDOLENCES

The Saint Mary's Club extends deepest sympathy to the following: Vincent J. Daly on the loss of his mother Minnie Daly and also to Patrick M. Ahern on the loss of his sister Minnie Daly.

HERE AND THERE

Seen at the U. S. F. game in Section MM were **Linwood Keel**, of the Southern Pacific Co., and **Tom Shea** forming their own rooting section. Also present at the game were **Frank E. Boselli** of the Don Bosco Studio and **Jim Kock** of the Family Furniture Co.

Glad to see **Al Roche**, of the Hardware Mutual Ins. Co., and **Joe Schmokke** at our last meeting. Some of the fellows suggest that a special event guest speaker be procured for future meetings.

Maybe some of the 1946 football pictures could be shown at the meetings. Well, fellows, we'll leave this suggestion to the Board of Directors to think over for the January meeting.

The way **Jim Kendall** has been playing basketball for the Young Christian Workers of St. Boniface's Church, we wouldn't be surprised to see him playing for the Gael five in 1947. We also heard that he is quite a football player and intends to play for San Francisco Junior College next fall. A late registration made it impossible for him to play for the team this Fall. Say, Jim, the Gaels can use some linemen in 1947, how about transferring?????

Joe Reilly, Ralph Freiberg, both of A. Carlisle Co., and **Frank Koch** are still talking about the U. C. L. A. trip. They claim the reasons for the Gaels defeat were that it was their first game under the arc lights and the Gaels were just playing too many men, (officials maybe). In 1947 we know the outcome will be different whether played in L. A. or S. F.

The two hard-luck members of the club seem to be **Bob Collins** and **Ray McHugh** as both of them had to work when the Gaels played their last two games. We know you were there in spirit fellows, as the Gaels won.

Former Director **Maurice A. Guy** is now living in San Rafael and is proprietor of the Food Mart at 5th & Tamalpais. When over in Marin County go see Maury and stock up for the winter with groceries.

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Senior Sketch....

By Richard Saveri

Precedent is being broken by the appearance of genial Conrad Marvin Kranda in this week's sketch. You see, Marv is really the first married man to appear in senior sketches. However, this happened only recently so we had better run way back to 1921 when Marv was born in Omaha, a thriving little community in the cornfields of Nebraska.

Marv is probably Saint Mary's most promising young baseball player at the present time. His introduction to the sport came when he signed up for the team at Creighton University High School, a Jesuit prep school, in Omaha. Marvin was quick to show his wares and in 1937 he became a member of the Omaha baseball nine which traveled to New Orleans to play in the semi-finals of the US American Legion Baseball Championship. Although losing the series, Kranada remembers with particular delight the fact that "we batted Howie Pollet, presently laboring for the St. Louis Cards, out of the box in two games."

GO WEST

Graduating from Creighton High in 1940, Marv decided to take Horace Greeley's advice, so he came to Saint Mary's, where he enrolled in the school of Arts and Letters with the class of 1944, along with his inseparable buddy from Omaha, Ray Henningsen.

History proved to be Kranda's forte at Saint Mary's. His seminars on the eve of one of Brother Edmund's world history exams or before one of Mr. LeFevre's English History tests, with Kranda enthroned on a desk surrounded by his admiring cohorts Henningsen-Foley- Cortopassi and rattling off the tale of Richard III or Julius Ceasar, are still fondly remembered by old timers.

Though majoring in history, Marv pursued minors in English, Philosophy and Education.

ALL CIBA

The Frosh Baseball team of 1941 was considered a "great". With Kranda and his teammates batting the ball over the entire field, Coach Sheeley was not startled to see his yearlings whip his varsity quite regularly. Eventually, Kranda moved up to the varsity and in 1943 he was chosen as the All-CIBA League first baseman, after only two years of varsity competition.

However, like all Collegians at the time, Kranda signed up in one of the reserve programs, choosing the Marine Corps. He was called to active duty in 1943 and sent to the University of Notre Dame to complete his studies. The Marve Kranda-Frank Callen-Angelo Bertelli trio is still remembered in quite a few of the South Bend bistros!

TO GUAM

But tempus was fugitting fast for Marve, so on completion of his course at Notre Dame he was enrolled in OCS at Quantico, Virginia, from which he emerged with two shiny old bars on his shoulders. After a short stay at the Defense Artillery School at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, Lt. Kranda found himself on a boat sailing through the Panama Canal headed for Guam. Lt. Kranda of the Marines spent seventeen months overseas, being stationed at Guam, Eniwetok, Kwajalein, where he was Provost Marshal of the Island, and Saipan. After three years service he was discharged as a first lieutenant.

On his release from the service, Kranda returned to Omaha, where he took unto himself a pretty bride. He eventually decided to return to school to Saint Mary's. His greeting to Mr. Twomey was "Where do ex-officers go to register?" Besides being told where to go, Kranda soon found himself at the tail end of the queue.

BOSTON RED SOX

Before entering the Marine Corps, Kranda signed a contract with the Scranton Baseball Club, a Boston Red Sox farm, in the Eastern League. Upon his graduation, Kranoa will report to Scranton for spring practice and a tryout for the ball club. He hopes to make baseball his career, but should events not pan out as he desires, he will contiue his education and acquire his teachers' credentials at a Nebraska gradate school. He hopes to teach physical education and history.

TO BE POP

While at Saint Mary's, Kranda devoted his time to his studies and to baseball. He became a member of the Block SM, winning a freshman numeral and two varsity leters. He was also active in intra-mural basketball.

It won't be long, April to be exact, before Kranda will become "Pop" Kranda, so he figures the basehits will have to come a lot oftener if he intends to stay in baseball.

Kranda can usually be found shagging a ride back to Richmond where he is staying with his wife until he receives his AB in January. His ready wit and his genial personality have made him many friends both on the campus and in the Bay Area.

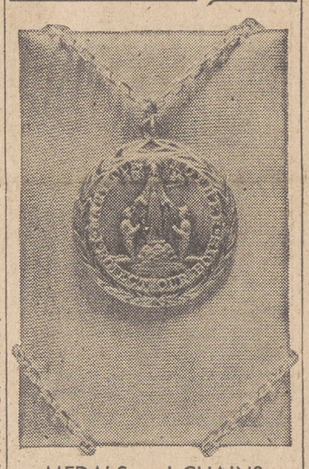


GOLF PRO—Tom Poshepny keeps up a steady chatter to attract customers to his golf stand at the recent Hanna Center carnival, held in the Navy Gym, while Marilouise Fogarty tries to concentrate on the task of smacking those little white pellets. —Photo by Bro. Alvan

Alumni Notes

LOS ANGELES UNIT: Frank Havens, '31, president of the Los Angeles Alumni Unit visited the Bay Area last week and conferred with officers of the General Alumni Association. Among the proposals discussed was a meeting early next year in Fresno of representatives of the Los Angeles, Vallejo, Sacramento, and San Francisco alumni groups, for the purpose of forming a common state program.

WITH THE BOYS: William M. Perata, '32, is an insurance broker in S. F. with offices at 6 Sansome Street. . . . **A. E. Henno,** '01, is a Los Angeles contractor . . . With the Bank of America in Merced is **Paul A. Gneto,** '19. . . . **Lawrence J. Moser,** '41, of Oakland, is stationed in S. F. offices of the President Lines. . . . **Leslie F. Ghezzi,** '22, is the postmaster of Cayucos, California. . . **Louis A Spinetti,** '13, is a merchant in northern Jackson. . . . **William J. Hobin,** '31 is an insurance agent and realtor in Stockton. . . . **Eddie Hallman,** '36, ex-Gael halfback, is coaching the Hughson High School team. . . . **John L. Ryan,** '41, is a chemical engineer with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Los Angeles. . . . **Bill Bourne,** '38, former Phoenix catcher and winner of the Sullivan oratorical contest, is a San Francisco barrister with offices in the State Building. . . . **Joseph G. Brattan** Jr., '43, is a dried fruit buyer in Chico. . . . **L. Victor Strub,** '37, glue fingered pass catcher of the '34 and '35 Gaels is with the Owens-Illinois Glass Company in Seattle. One of Vic's war novels was printed in a top U. S. mag two years ago. . . . **Robert D. Brennan,** '41, is building contractor in Pocatello, Idano. . . . **James A. Rarig,** '39, brother of the Gael center, is buyer for Kahn's department store in Oakland. . . **Dr. J. M. O'Donnell,** '02 is physician and surgeon in Hollister. . . Another medico, **Dr. Clifton P. Rose, Jr.,** '40, is located with the Army at the Monterey Presidio as medical officer. . . . S. F. hotel manager is **John F. Shea,** '25. . . . **Havelock Hunter,** '35, ex Collegian editor serves the editorial department of the Oakland Tribune. . . . **Wallace A. Ryan,** '32, is an Internal Revenueauditor in San Francisco. . . . **George A. DeLew,** '28, is attorney for the Federal Public Housing Authority in S. F.



Saint Mary's Students Prepare Gala Christmas Here and Home

By JOSEPH ZANETTI

Christmas is almost here! To the average person this means that there are only . . . well—a very few shopping days 'til Christmas. But to the student it means that in a few short days the books will be thrown with reckless abandon on the shelf and education will take a "back seat" for a short while, at least.

Within the past few weeks rail, bus and airline ticket offices have been working untiringly in a frantic attempt to supply Saint Mary's students with that long-awaited ticket that will take them "home for the holidays." Those who live in the Bay Area or those who are not leaving the campus over Christmas will have an opportunity to work and pick up some of that important cash on the side.

So it is, that, for one reason or another, everyone including members of the faculty, are anxiously awaiting next Tuesday's arrival.

ROOMS DECORATED

The actual Christmas Spirit made itself felt not long ago, when Bill Martin and Tom Kolb began decorating their rooms with all the "Spirit of the Season" essentials including a tree. Then, just across the way, in Freshman Dorm, Brother Jerome added his contribution to the "Yuletide Season" . . . a one foot tree. The Spirit has spread even to the Kitchen, where the Chef promises a special Christmas Day Dinner.

SEASON OF PEACE

Thus it is, that with but a short while yet to go, everyone waits anxiously for the festivities to begin. But festivities and gift exchanging are not in themselves the manifestation of the genuine Christmas Spirit, according to Brother Albert. We should remember that we have much for which to be truly thankful. Brother Albert has expressed the true Season Spirit in these words: "Christmas is, by a time-honored tradition, the season of gifts. Christmas is, too, a season of peace."

"In a world yet torn apart as the result of a dreadful war, we Americans should not be unmindful of the many blessings, which we enjoyed during the great international cataclysm."

"The Christ Child, whom we come to adore, is, most certainly, the Prince of Peace. May America be as gallant at the Peace Table as she was in the theatres of war. May she, in her present efforts, do her part in bringing to all the world, 'the peace on earth to men of good will.'"

ON THE LEVEL

By Father Moss

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the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, who remained through all the fighting, had converted their normal school into a hospital. Somehow they found medicine to ease the pain, and they collected together all of the available food for the American soldiers. Side by side with the men of the 101st the Sisters battled the despicable foe. It was from this cource that the fighting men of the 101st Airborne Division receided much of their inspiration. When the Mother Superior of the School was mortally wounded by shrapnel in an attempt to bring her children to safety, the men resolved that she and other brave women who were with them, would not make their sacrifices in vain.

Today as we are about to celebrate our second peacetime Xmas, let us not forget the many brave men and women, those in the uniform of their country, others in the uniform of their God, who made the supreme sacrifice that we might enjoy a Merry Xmas. Let us not forget the words of the inspired leader of the 101st Airborne Division: "We are giving our country and our loved ones at home a worthy Xmas. . ." 'God grant that their sufferings have not been in vain. May our Xmas in this year of Our Lord 1946 be truly a "worth Xmas."

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